FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance for that property known as 8506 Marblehead Road in the Brooklandville section of Baltimore County. The Petitioner/property owner, Margaret Tartal, requests relief from Sections 1801.2.C.1 and 1B01.2.C.2.b. and 1B01.2.c.6 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow a window to property line distance of 10 ft., a distance between facing windows of 25 ft., and a distance between buildings of 25 ft., in lieu of the required 15 ft., 40 ft., and 30 ft., respectively, and to amend the latest Final Development Plan of the Fields at Seminary, Phase II. These required distances are also referenced in the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policy (CMDP), Section VB6b and VB6c adopted pursuant to Section 504 of the B.C.Z.R.

Appearing at the public hearing held for this case was the property owner, Margaret Tartal and her brother, Bill Tartal. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition was Spencer Weaver, the Project Manager for Brinklow Construction Company, the builder of the dwelling located on the subject property. Also appearing as interested parties regarding this matter were Gary Ford and Gregory Zeller, neighbors of the subject site.

Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow a window to property line distance of 10 ft., a distance between facing windows of 25 ft., and a distance between buildings of 25 ft., in lieu of the required 15 ft., 40 ft., and 30 ft., respectively, and to amend the latest Final Development Plan of the Fields at Seminary, Phase II, in accordance with Petitioners' Exhibit No. 2, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2. The Petitioner shall be required, prior to the installation of any windows on the east side of the dwelling, to install and maintain six 8 to 10 ft. tall Leland Cyprus trees. The site plan marked as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 2 shall be incorporated herein as to the location of the aforementioned trees.

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES/mmn

Testimony and evidence presented was that the subject property is part of a newly constructed subdivision known as the Fields at Seminary, Phase II. This is a development of substantial single family homes located on rather small lots, at least in comparison to the dwellings. The subject lot is .22957 acres in area and is zoned D.R.2.

Mr. Weaver presented much of the testimony on behalf of the Petitioner. He noted that he is the Project Manager in charge of construction and that the subject dwelling is presently under construction and nearly completed. He advised that recently a stop work order was issued by the Department of Permits and Licenses due to an alleged zoning violation. In view of this potential violation, the subject Petition was filed. As noted on the site plan which has been offered and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the dwelling is located 10 ft. from the subject lot's eastern property line. Further, the house next door on that side, owned by Mr. Zeller is but 15 ft. from the property line. Thus, the buildings are a mere 25 ft. apart. These dwelling locations necessitate the requested variances.

One of the variances requested is to permit a distance between buildings of 25 ft. in lieu of the required 30 ft. Mr. Weaver observed that Petitioner would suffer significant practical difficulty if this variance were denied. In that the dwellings are already constructed, relocation of the house or modification of same to eliminate a portion of the eastern side of the dwelling would be necessary. Obviously, such relocation or renovation would be expensive. Further, Mr. Weaver observed that such a renovation would severely detract from the appearance of the house and disrupt the internal floor plan. This is particularly relevant in that the Petitioner advised that she intends on residing in the house with

an elderly parent who is wheelchair bound. Thus, it is argued that the Petition for Variance for this distance should be granted.

It is to be noted that the neighbor who faces the east side, Mr. Zeller, does not object to the location of the dwelling owned by Ms. Tartal. His concerns relate more to the other two variances which arise out of the potential placement of windows on the east side of the Tartal dwelling, facing his house.

The placement of these windows necessitates the other variances which are requested. Specifically, a variance is necessary to allow a window to property line setback of 10 ft. and a distance between facing windows of 25 ft. in lieu of the 15 ft. and 40 ft. requirements, respectively.

Testimony was offered by Ms. Tartal and Mr. Weaver as to this issue, as well. Mr. Tartal again noted that the property will be occupied by her disabled mother and the windows were desired so as to enable this individual to enjoy a view from that side of the house. Further, Mr. Weaver noted that the windows are necessary so as to promote adequate ventilation and light throughout the house. For his part, Mr. Zeller does not object to the windows, per se, but fears the potential invasion of his privacy. He noted that his bedroom faces the Tartal house and questioned whether a plan could be prepared to mitigate the effects of the closeness of these

In this respect, and at my urging, the parties, apparently, had a meeting after the hearing to discuss their differences. As the result, an amended site plan was received by me subsequent to the hearing, prepared by Thomas E. Phelps, a Registered Property Line Surveyor. This plan provides for the installation and maintenance of six 8 to 10 ft. tall Leland Cyprus trees in a location on the east side of the Tartal property,

as more particularly shown on the plan. It is believed that the planting of these trees, at the location shown, will buffer the properties. That plan is signed as acceptable to all parties.

An area variance may be granted upon the Petitioner presenting persuasive testimony that the standards set forth in Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. have been satisfied. Specifically, the Petitioner must demonstrate that she and her property will suffer a practical difficulty if the variance is denied. Further, proof must be offered that the variance can be granted so as not to adversely affect the surrounding locale. The legal standard which must be met in order for a variance to be granted is more comprehensively set forth in McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973) and Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974). In the instant case, I am persuaded that the variances should be granted, as modified by the amended site plan submitted after the hearing. That is, am persuaded that the house should remain in its present configuration and location. Further, after the planting of the landscaping, as proposed, the windows may be installed. I am persuaded that this landscaping will mitigate the effects of the windows so as to not detrimentally effect Mr. Zeller's property and the other houses in the community. Thus, the Petition for variance, as restricted in the manner set forth above, will be

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of July, 1993 that a variance from Sections 1B01.2.C.1 and 1B01.2.C.2.b and 1B01.2.c.6 of the Baltimore County Zoning

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

July 2, 1993

Ms. Margaret Tartal 3121 White Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21214

> RE: Case No. 93-361-A Petition for Variance Property: 8506 Marblehead Road

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

Zoning Commissioner

Mr. Gary Ford Mr. Gregory Zeller

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 1506 MARRIEHEAD BAUTI which is presently send DR 3

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 1B01.2.C.1, 1B01.2C.2.b., 1B01.2.c.6, 504 (VB6b. Tc. CMDP) To allow a window to property line distance of 10 feet, a distance between facing windows of 25 ft. and a distance between buildings of 25 ft in lieu of the required 15 ft, 40 ft & 30 ft respectively and to amend the latest FDP of Fields at Seminary II. Lot 30 to allow same. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or

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Contract PurchaserLesses:	VWe do solemnly deciare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s):
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Building permit # B154676	BALT. MD. 21236
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SILBERMANN & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Engineers • Planners • Surveyors 3527 EAST JOPPA ROAD **BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21234**

93-361-A

(410) 661-5888 FAX No. 661-0728

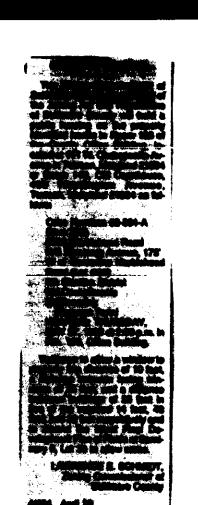
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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ___ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on 4 2, 1913.

THE JEFFERSONIAN.

(410) 887-3353

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



May 20, 1993

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Ms. Margaret Tartal 2800 Alden Road

Baltimore, MD 21234 RE: Case No. 93-361-A, Item No. 372 Petitioner: Margaret Tartal Petition for Variance

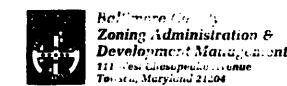
Dear Ms. Tartal:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on April 16, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.



Date 4-16-93

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TO: PUTUIENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Re: CASE NUMBER: 93-361-A (Item 372) 8506 Marblebead Road N/S Seminary Avenue, 175' W of centerline Marblehead Road (Lot #30) 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Margaret Tartal HEARING: THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 106, Office Building.

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

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Number 372

4-23-93

Ms. Helene Kehring Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Kehring:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech more Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free 707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject

of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hear-

ing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated

Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time

Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from

of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

with these requirements.

For newspaper advertising:

(Revised 3/29/93)

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Case No.: _____ Item No.: 372

LOCATION: 8506 MARRIEHEAD CT

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Petitioner: SPENCE WEAVER

NAME: MARGARET TARTAL

ADDRESS: 2800 ALDEN PD

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PHONE NUMBER: 426-7932 (H)

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

APRIL 23, 1993

Baltimore County Government

Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

(410) 887-3353

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Beltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Beltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesepsake Avenue in Townen, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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Margaret Tartal

NOTE: HEARTINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARTLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Zoning Advisory Committee April 29, 1993 Captain Jerry Pfeifer

Fire Department

Comments for 05/03/93 Meeting

No Comments Item 361 Item 362 No Comments Item 363 No Comments Item 364 No Comments Item 365 No Comments Item 366 No Comments

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Item 369

Fire Hydrants are required on site. Item 370 State law requires townhouses, where permit is issued after 07/01/92, to be sprinklered.

Item 371 No Comments No Comments

Item 372 Item 373

Existing exits shall be maintained to a public way.



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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: May 18, 1993

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item No. 356, 7925 York Road Item No. 372, 8506 Marblehead 93 -361-A Item No. 389, 7034 Sollers Point Road

Item No. 390, 1715 Bond Road

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

PK/JL:lw

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March 24, 1994

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

Ms. Peggy Tartal 8506 Marblehead Road Lutherville, Maryland 21093

> RE: Case No. 93-361-A Property: 8506 Marblehead Road

Dear Ms. Tartal:

This is to acknowledge your correspondence regarding the variance on the above property and granted by my Order dated July 6, 1993.

I do not have any specific objection to an amendment of your landscaping plan, as outlined in your letters. However, in reviewing my decision, I note that two neighbors, namely, Gary Ford and Gregory Zeller appeared at the hearing and participated. In the interest of fairness, I believe that Messrs. Ford and Zeller should have an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. Have you discussed your concerns with them and the relocation of these trees? If they have so agreed, kindly ask them to contact me so that I may confirm that these neighbors have no objection. If they disagree, I feel it appropriate to consider their opinion before rendering a final decision. I look forward to hearing from you to resolve this mat-

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt
Zoning Commissioner

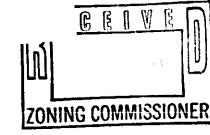
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December 7, 1993

Peggy Tartal 8506 Marblehead Road Lutherville, MD 21093

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RE: Case No. 93-361-A
Property: 8506 Marblehead Road
CERTIFIED MAIL



Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Zoning Commissioner

Suite 113 Courthouse

Towson, MD 21204

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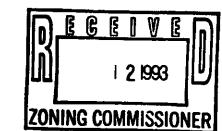
Your consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated. I understand that you are extremely busy, but please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks...

Sincerely,
Peggy Tartal

Peggy Tartal 8506 Marblehead Road Lutherville, MD 21093

Mr. Lawrence E. Schmids
Zoning Commissioner
Suite 113 Courthouse
Towson, MD 21204

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Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Peggy Tartal

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND
UT WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

ATTN: MR. LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ROOM 113

REFERENCE: CASE # 93-361-A lTEM 372 8506 MARBLEHEAD ROAD

N/S SEMINARY AVENUE, 175' WEST OF CENTERLINE

MARBLEHEAD ROAD (LOT #30)

B'TH ELECTION DISTRICT - 3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

PETITIONER, MARGARET TARTAL

DEAR MR. SCHMIDT,

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING 10 DAYS FOR THE ZELLER'S AND TARTAL'S TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE CONCERNING THIS ISSUE. ENCLOSED IS THE PLAN SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES. I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THIS TO BE RESOLVED IN AN INFORMAL MANNER WITHOUT PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION

BRINKLOW CONSTRUCTION
19810 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE. BOX 75

BRINKLOW, MARYLAND 20862 PHONE: 391-774-4499

THE 8 TO 10 FOOT TALL LELAND CYPRESS TREES ARE NO LONGER BEING DUG THIS LATE IN THE SPRING PLANTING SEASON. HOWEVER, I HAVE LOCATED A NURSERY WITH 15 REMAINING TREES. I HAVE BEEN ADVISED IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL FALL. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD CONTACT ME (PAGER 410-379-8862) WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION, SO I MAY IMMEDIATELY PLANT THE TREES

RESPECTFULLY,
SPENCER L WEAVER
PROJECT MANAGER
BRINKLOW CONSTRUCTION

7 JUNE 1993

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

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